

REMARKS

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended to include a section heading in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b)(2) and to include the patent number of the now-issued parent patent, of which the present application is a continuation.

Claims 1-6 and 8-14 are pending in this application. Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6 and 8-13 have been amended to recite, and new claim 14 is directed to, an embodiment wherein the substituent formerly designated R² in claims 1-13 as filed has been replaced by a benzyl (phenylmethyl) moiety. Support for this embodiment is found throughout the specification, for example, in Tables 3A-3E (*see* pages 123-127), Tables 5A-5D (*see* pages 130-131), Tables 6A-6E (*see* pages 132-136), Tables 7A-7F (*see* pages 137-142), Tables 8A-8F (*see* pages 143-148), and Tables 9A-9F (*see* pages 149-154).

Claims 1-13 have also been amended to clarify the invention. For example, the articles “a” and “the” have been inserted in the claim preambles as appropriate. Also, to avoid redundancy, the terms “radical” or “radicals” have been deleted when used in conjunction with terms that already designate radicals. For example, originally filed claim 3 recites “R²² represents methyl radical,” although the term “methyl” by itself designates a radical of methane. *See*, for example, Introduction to Organic Chemistry, Streitwieser *et al.*, University of California, Berkley, Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., New York (1976) at page 54. Therefore, the word “radical” has been deleted from the definition of R²² in claim 3. Other clarifying amendments have been made that do not affect the scope of the pending claims.

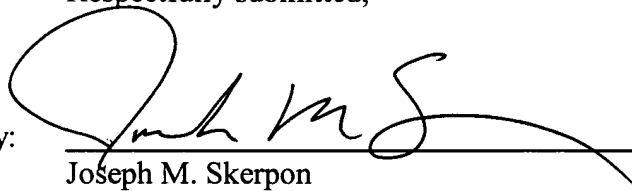
New claim 14 has been added and is directed to compounds of claim 1 having a preferred stereochemistry. Support is found in page 9, lines 31-35 and in many of the disclosed sub-genuses and individual compounds.

Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1-14 on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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